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Newton Wave Pool hit by bus

COLLISION A bus driver suffered a broken leg after crashing into the Newton Wave Pool yesterday.

According to TransLink, people were in the building at around 1:30 p.m. when the empty bus rammed into a wall. The female driver was the only person injured in the incident.

The bus was towed away after engineers determined there was no structural damage to the building.

TransLink and Coast Mountain Bus have launched an investigation into the cause of the crash.

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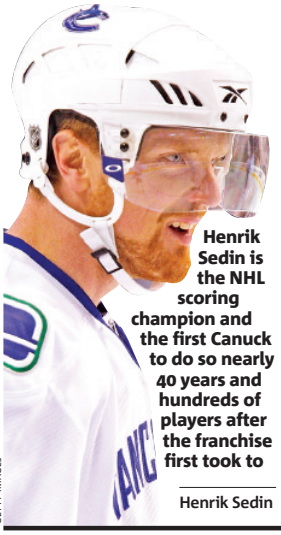
Hardware for Henrik

Canuck wins Art Ross Trophy as NHL scoring champ



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Henrik Sedin is the NHL scoring champion and the first Canuck to do so nearly 40 years and hundreds of players after the franchise first took to the ice in 1970.

Henrik Sedin

Henrik clinched the Art Ross Trophy for most points in a season early yesterday when Washington's Alex Ovechkin failed to record a single point against Boston. He finished with 112 to Ovechkin's 109. Sidney Crosby, who started the day at 104, rallied for five points against the New York Islanders but still failed to catch Henrik.

"I am very proud of the season that our team and my teammates have put together," Henrik said on Twitter.

Also yesterday, the Canucks found out they'll face the Los Angeles Kings at GM Place on Thursday in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Detroit Red Wings beat the Chicago Blackhawks in overtime, dropping the Kings into sixth. The Canucks won the season series 3-1 against the team from L.A.

On his way to the scoring title, Henrik on Saturday surpassed Pavel Bure's Canucks record of 110 points in a season set in 1992-93. Bure scored 60 goals then, but Henrik finished this season with 83 assists, smashing the previous record of 71 also held by Bure.

Henrik's banner year has likely put him in contention for the Hart Trophy, awarded to the player deemed most valuable to his team. He was involved in 41 per cent of the Canucks' goal scoring this season, while Ovechkin was a factor in 34 per cent of the Capitals' goals.

Henrik's twin brother, Daniel, also had a career year, scoring 85 points despite missing 19 games due to injury.

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A woman lights a candle at a memorial for late Polish President Lech Kaczynski outside St. Casimir's Parish Church in Vancouver yesterday. Kaczynski, his wife and other high-ranking officials died in a plane crash in Russia on Saturday.

Local Poles gather to mourn president

MEMORIAL Hundreds of Polish Canadians gathered at St. Casimir's Parish Church in East Vancouver yesterday to mourn the death of President Lech Kaczynski, who was killed in a plane crash on the weekend.

People lit candles and placed flowers on a growing memorial at the base of a giant crucifix on the church lawn.

Others knelt before a framed photo of the late president and his wife — who also died in the crash — and crossed themselves, wiping tears from eyes hidden behind sunglasses.

Kaczynski and dozens of political, military and religious leaders were among 96 people killed en route to Smolensk, Russia.

They were to participate in a ceremony honouring 22,000 Polish officers killed by the Soviet secret police in 1940.

Barbara Broda, who attended the memorial in Vancouver, said her husband woke her on Saturday with the news.

"I was devastated," she said. "The Polish community is very united. It's a very strong bond (we have) with Poland."

Ewa Maslowski's children were meant to be participating in a Polish dance event in Bellingham, Wash., yesterday.

She said it's a "terrible coincidence" that Kaczynski died en route to a memorial event for murdered Poles.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

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B.C. fights Taser challenge

The B.C. government is asking a Vancouver court today to throw out a legal challenge by Taser International. The stun gun maker is disputing that Tasers can kill, as stated in the official report released after a public inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport. METRO VANCOUVER

UFC 115 seats on sale today

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

MMA Tickets for UFC 115 in Vancouver go on sale to the general public this Thursday, but advance sales begin earlier in the week.

Members of the UFC Fight Club, the league's official fan club, will get first crack at the tickets tomorrow, while UFC newsletter subscribers can buy their tickets Wednesday morning, the promotion announced during the screening of UFC 112 on the weekend.

Ticket prices haven't been released and while the UFC hasn't officially announced match-ups, rumoured fights include Chuck Liddell and Tito Ortiz in the main event and a bout between Thiago Alves and Jon Fitch.

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'Not just screaming and pom-poms'

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SPORTS Abbotsford Valley Stars cheerleader Ashley Gaudet was at the Vancouver Convention Centre yesterday competing in the Sea to Sky International Cheerleading Championship. The winners advance to the finals at Disneyworld in Florida.

Q How do cheerleaders keep themselves in shape?

A It takes a lot of conditioning and training. You have to be able to run a routine and have energy. You can't just expect your body to be able to do this.

Q What is something most people don't know about cheerleading?

A A lot of people look at cheerleading lightly … It's not just screaming and pom-poms, it takes a lot of hard work.

LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Brianna O'Connor, 16, left, Ashley Gaudet, 19, centre, and Kassie Archer, 15, warm up outside the Vancouver Convention Centre yesterday.

(In our workouts,) for example, one girl will go on her hands and knees and we'll get a girl to jump over her about 50 times — it really works the whole body.

Q Is there a lot of jealousy?

A There can be, especially with competitions. If a girl (masters) a skill before you it's jealousy, definitely. If one girl is always at the front of the routine then it can become catty.

Q What is the ultimate cheerleading goal?

A To make finals in Cheerleading Worlds. There is college-level cheerleading; they hand out a lot of scholarships. I think they are trying to get cheerleading into the Olympics, (which) would be a goal in itself.

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News in brief

HEALTH A plan that would see B.C. hospitals start operating more like private businesses is expected to be announced today. It calls for the introduction of so-called patient-based funding. A new organization would also be created to oversee future health funding in B.C. But the Hospital Employees Union and opposition New Democrats say it appears the government is preparing to force hospitals to compete for services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CORRECTION A story published Friday mistakenly said sketches by Emily Carr and Tom Thompson are part of an upcoming auction at Maynards Fine Art and Antiques that includes works by the Group of Seven. The sketches are not going under the hammer. METRO VANCOUVER

Rexall **Shopping spree!**

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Ritchie Ang, left, and Casey Miller compete in the Best New Product Award shopping spree at Rexall Pharma Plus in Surrey on Friday. Ang won a $250 gift card and $250 gift basket.

Heed joins Sikh celebrations after leaving solicitor general post

POLITICS Just hours after resigning from his job as B.C.'s solicitor general, Kash Heed joined thousands in his riding to take part the annual Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi.

Heed smiled as he shook hands and participated in prayers at the Ross Street Temple the day after he announced the RCMP were investigating allegations into his campaign election financing. As he resigned his position, Heed told reporters he had absolute confidence that he did nothing wrong and will fully co-operate with the RCMP investigation.

New Democrat Leader Carole James says it's concerning that Heed's resignation is the third for the office of the solicitor general in less than three years.

She added that the government is in chaos and agendas aren't moving ahead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dead whale removed from Vancouver Island park

Souvenir hunters and tourists who were taking parts off a dead grey whale beached in a park near Victoria have forced the removal of the mammal. The Beecher Bay First Nation brought their concerns to the Department of Fisheries after members noticed that hunks of the whale's hide had been removed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Body of tourist found on Grouse

DEATH The body of a 68-year-old Japanese tourist has been discovered on Grouse Mountain. Hiroko Kinugasa, who was travelling alone, was last seen at Altitude Bistro on Thursday. According to police, she told staff at her hotel she planned to go snowboarding at Grouse Mountain on April 8.

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Vancouverites carry hope to Abu Dhabi

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Thirty years ago today, hometown hero Terry Fox kicked off his Marathon of Hope in St. John's, N.L., in an effort to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Since then, the marathon — now an annual event — has raised $500 million and is held in 40 countries around the world, including as far away as the United Arab Emirates.

Vancouver native Marten Youssef and his wife, Michelle Robertson-Youssef, took part in the 15th annual Terry Fox marathon in Abu Dhabi in late February.

"Michelle and I did the 10-kilometre walk and we even got to meet Judith, Terry's sister," Youssef said.

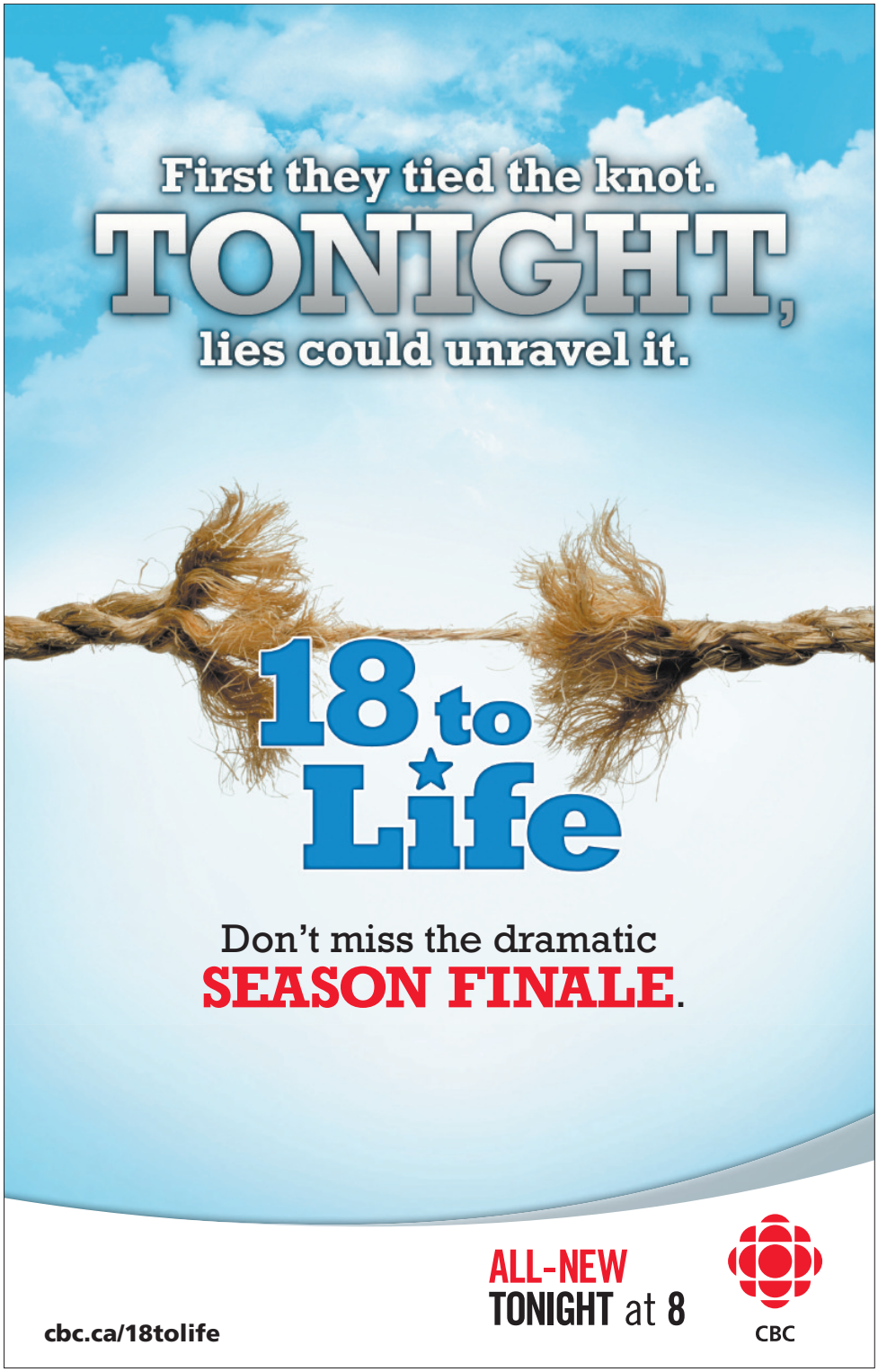
The couple is expecting their first child and bought him a baby Terry Fox Run T-shirt.

"Yeah, cheesy, I know," he said. "But that's only the beginning."

Terry Fox's parents, Betty and Rolly, brother Fred and sister Judith will be in St. John's today to mark the anniversary of the Marathon of Hope.

Terry Fox, Canadian icon

- Had he survived, Terry Fox would have been 52 years old in July.
- Terry Fox's name adorns dozens of schools across the country, as well as a mountain.



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Harper taps longtime loyalist for top communications gig
Dimitri Soudas, currently the prime minister's official spokesman, will take on the job of spinner-in-chief. He does so just days after Harper turfed junior cabinet minister Helena Guergis from caucus and called in the Mounties to investigate unnamed allegations against her. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

G8 leaders to face mighty mosquito

G8 leaders meeting in Ontario's cottage country this summer will see some of Canada's most ferocious, bloodthirsty creatures: The black fly and the mosquito. The leaders will be meeting right at the time when black flies are still biting and mosquitoes are coming into full force. But at Deerhurst Resort, where the leaders will hold their day-and-a-half meeting at the end of June, staff see no need to ramp up their bug control efforts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roadside bomb kills another Canadian soldier

AFGHANISTAN A Canadian soldier has been killed in a powerful roadside bomb blast while on foot patrol in a volatile community southwest of Kandahar City.

Pte. Tyler William Todd

The attack that killed Pte. Tyler William Todd, 26, happened early yesterday near the community of Belanday, about eight kilometres outside of the provincial capital.

Brig.-Gen. Dan Menard, the commander of Canadian troops in Afghanistan, says Todd was on a routine patrol to learn more about the people of the village and their needs when the bombing happened. "His enthusiasm and strong will were inspirational to his platoon," Menard said in a prepared statement. "He was doing what he loved to do — being a soldier operating alongside friends."

Stephen Harper expressed his condolences to Todd's family and friends. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guide oversight highlights lapses in volunteer screens

The government's own "best practice" guide for screening volunteers makes no mention of a critical step to identify pardoned sex offenders such as Graham James.

The oversight highlights the current confusion in the system for doing criminal background checks, and serves as a pointed reminder to organizations gearing up for the summer volunteer season to ensure they follow a rigorous screening protocol.

Under existing legislation that has been strictly enforced since last December, only the individual being screened can request a "vulnerable sector" search that would reveal a pardoned sex offence.

Yet Public Safety Canada's own "best practice guidelines for screening volunteers" does not explain vulnerable sector searches in detail, nor make clear that they must be initiated by the individual being screened.

A Public Safety spokesman said in an emailed statement that it's "implicitly understood that a vulnerable sector search is automatically part of the process."

The public safety guide acknowledges that although a person may have received a pardon, the public safety minister may unseal the record at any time to help screen those who would work with children and other vulnerable people.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says he is planning legislative changes that would make it more difficult for people convicted of sex offences to obtain pardons.

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Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy was a victim of sex offender Graham James, who recently received a pardon for his sexual assaults against two teens. James was convicted in 1997.

Numerous

- There were 887 pardons granted to sex offenders in 2009-10 and 667 the year before, according to the National Parole Board. The RCMP reports it has files for 14,584 pardoned sex offenders in its national database.

Guergis issues no surprise to Tory insiders

POLITICS You can't swing a dead cat around Parliament Hill without hitting a former staff member of Helena Guergis. Caucus colleagues have for years traded tales of staff allegedly coming in for harangues from the junior minister — and should have tipped the boss that trouble could loom ahead.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper ousted Guergis from the Conservatives on Friday and called in the Mounties to investigate unnamed allegations against Guergis.

News of Guergis' fall from grace came of little surprise to members of Harper's government. Over the years, a virtual army of staffers had moved in and out of her employ, sometimes after emotional clashes.

"The sad reality is those of us who were working with her knew there were problems — folks in the PMO didn't want to know about it," said one ex-staffer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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H1N1 Precedent-setting swine

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Healthy pigs are seen at a pig farm in Saint Hughes, Que., in this April 30, 2009 photo. The federal government realized that how it handled a herd of pigs last year that caught swine flu could set a precedent in Canada and elsewhere, a new document shows. In a conversation with the WHO, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq raised the possibility of moving to alert Level 6. The herd was eventually culled.

News in brief

WEATHER Inuit hunters are helping scientists understand an essential fact of Arctic climate change — the weather's not just getting warmer, it's getting weirder. A new study published in the journal Global Environmental Change has combined the observations of Inuit on the land with cold, hard data to conclude that Arctic weather is getting less predictable all the time.

HST An increase in the harmonized sales tax in Nova Scotia has some worried that the province is making itself less competitive as it earns the tag as the highest taxed jurisdiction in Canada. The tax hike was the big news in last week's provincial budget.

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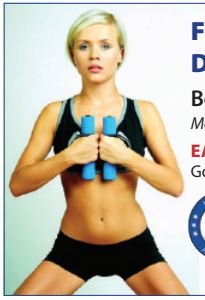

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Norwegian newspaper says former bishop hiding out in Rome

Norwegian media reported former bishop Georg Mueller has been hiding at a convent in Rome since news broke that he admitted to child abuse. Trondheim daily Adresseavisen yesterday published a picture of a smiling Mueller it says was taken shortly after the 58-year-old left the side exit of an unspecified nun's order in Rome. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Astronauts get bolt work done

Spacewalking astronauts had to pull out a hammer and pry bar while attaching a big, new tank full of ammonia coolant to the International Space Station yesterday, successfully driving in a bolt after two frustrating hours. The 346-kilometre-high action unfolded on the 40th anniversary of the launch of Apollo 13.

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Bitter irony for Poles

Crash site that claimed 96 lives near area of brutal WWII massacre

The leader of Poland's government in exile while the nation was under Soviet-backed rule. The shipyard worker whose firing sparked the labour uprising that ultimately toppled communism here. A banking head who helped keep the country stable while the rest of the European Union plunged into recession.

When Poland lost its president and top military brass Saturday in a plane crash that killed 96, it also lost much of its living history and other elite members of society.

Bloody history

• In one of the worst massacres in Polish history, the Soviet secret police killed thousands of Polish military leaders and intellectuals at Katyn and other places at the start of the Second World War. It was part of a strategy to subdue and control the country. Saturday's plane crash casualties, consisting of Poland's top political and intellectual leaders, shared uncanny similarities with the massacre victims.

It is a supreme bitterness that they died near, of all places, Russia's Katyn forest, where thousands of Polish officers were slain by Soviet forces in the Second World War in an attempt to eliminate some of the country's brightest.

"This is so very much like Katyn, where our head was cut off," former president Lech Walesa said.

Killed with President Lech Kaczynski in the plane crash near Smolensk, western Russia, were his wife, Maria Kaczynska, his closest aides, lawmakers, army commanders, church figures, and relatives of the victims of the 1940 massacre of Polish officers in Katyn and in other places. They had been travelling to Katyn to mark the 70th anniversary.

The tragedy also shocked the U.S. Polish community, which lost sculptor Wojciech Seweryn in the crash. Seweryn, 70, designed a Katyn memorial in Niles, Ill. Seweryn had made the trip to honour his father, who perished at Katyn 70 years before.

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Qualifications of Pope questioned after scandal

VATICAN Long before entering Vatican life, Pope Benedict XVI won renown as a theologian and a German university professor, penning more than 40 books and winning a devoted following of students who respected his prodigious memory and brilliant mind.

One thing not on his resume? Significant time as a parish priest. Joseph Ratzinger, the future pope, only worked a mere 15 months tending to a flock, instead closing himself in the ivory tower of academia. In his native Germany, the prominent Der Spiegel magazine has already declared his papacy a failure, speaking in its most recent issue of "the tragedy of a man who had set out to write books and, only near the end of his life, was summoned to assume the Herculean office at the Vatican."

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Kyrgyzstan Death toll from violence rises

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Two women comfort each other in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, yesterday. The number of dead during unrest in the central Asian country grew to 81 yesterday.

U.S. takes gentler tone with Karzai

AFGHANISTAN U.S. officials yesterday went one step farther in their new gentler tact with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, expressing sympathy for the pressure he faces. U.S.-Afghan relations grew tense last week when Karzai lashed out against the international community, accusing them of perpetrating a "vast fraud" in last year's presidential polls.

Two days later, Karzai told a group that if foreign interference continued, the Taliban would become a legitimate resistance — one that he might even join, according to several lawmakers present.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs described Karzai's remarks as "troubling." But the American tone quickly softened. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defence Secretary Robert Gates blitzed Sunday morning news shows in the U.S. to call Karzai a reliable partner.

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News in brief

U.S. A pair of black boots and a lunch pail sat near the altar yesterday at the New Life Assembly church — a memorial to the 29 men killed in the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1970.

POLITICS President Obama's pledge to rid the world of nuclear weapons runs up against reality this week when representatives from 47 countries craft an agreement on keeping such weapons out of terrorist hands.

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Choppy waters for entrepreneur

InTransit

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Ihab Shaker has operated passenger ferry services on the Red Sea, the Salish Sea, and even Lake Ontario. You could say the global entrepreneur has seen it all. That is, until recently.

A series of business setbacks has undermined not only the day-to-day operations of his company, Coastal Link Ferries, it has also discouraged him on the local business environment.

During the Winter Olympics, his vessel, the Coastal Runner, was seized by court order because of a dispute with the company's lender over mortgage payments on the boat.

It was a cruel decision in more ways than one. Not only was his ferry service connecting Bowen Island to downtown Vancouver starting to gain momentum, the ferry was fully booked for the duration of the Games.

To say Shaker is disappointed with the turn of events would be an understatement. Royally frustrated seems closer to the truth.

But Shaker told me he has no intentions on giving up anytime soon — and he will happily duke it out in the courts to hold onto what he feels is rightfully his.

"I still own the vessel, the website, phone number, contracts, and everything else the company owned before 100 per cent," he said. "If you go to Transport Canada's ship registry, you will find that Coastal Link Ferries owns the Coastal Runner — nothing has changed."

But you can't help but sympathize with the master mariner and deep-sea ship's captain given his current plight.

"I am a man who put my money where my mouth is, worked so hard to build a water-borne transportation alternative, introduced the most fuel-efficient vessel of her size in Canada, and fought an uphill battle to make it work all the way."

Not surprisingly, his biggest gripe locally is with government and institutional bureaucracy.

"I did not receive any form of support from any level of government, but instead had to deal with unfair, discouraging, and relentless resistance from all governmental stakeholders," he said. "Just to name a few: B.C. Ferries, TransLink, the City of Vancouver, and many others."

And, yet, Shaker is adamant that cost-efficient and environmentally sound maritime transport represents the future for coastal regions such as the Lower Mainland.

"I still believe that small, cost-effective, non-subsidized ferries are the way to solve our transportation and bridge problems if they are given a fair chance," he said.

And how can anyone argue with that?

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Reaching the fork in life's crossroads

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Today is my final column. In a few weeks I'll start my first charge as a United Church of Canada minister. It's the practice of my church to assign new pastors to churches that can't otherwise attract a minister. Usually, this is because these places can't offer perks such as, I don't know, proximity to a major city ... indoor plumbing ... protection from wolves. All I can say is, a spiritual life is not for sissies.

Last week I invited readers to send in questions on ... just about anything. Here's a sampling:

One reader asked, "How can I stop worrying?" Remember, worrying is the Spanx® of the emotional spectrum. You feel like you're doing something to address the problem but really you're not. Why bother?

Daniel wrote, "Can you tell me about your ex-husband?" I call Michael "The nicest guy you could hope to be divorced from." I think the reason we're friends now is that, when we split, we tried hard to share the kids with each other, but not our anger and disappointment. It made all the difference.

Yasmeen asked, "How can I get rid of the squirrels in my attic?" There's nothing more annoying than trying to sleep while squirrels are enjoying intimate relations above your head. It just reminds you of how much more of that rodents get than we do. And, yes, Yasmeen, I know a 99.9 per cent effective method of squirrel removal. Collect some TNT, a burlap sack and a rocket launcher and message me back.

Samantha wants to know how to get people to stop feeding pigeons and how to deal with the pigeon eggs on her balcony. I would ask, are the people feeding the pigeons directly below your balcony? And, are you a decent aim?

Lorraine asked, "What's your philosophy of life?" I'm with the Buddhists, who say life is a constant round of building up and falling away, building up and falling away. Our task is to become as comfortable with the falling away as we are with the times of building. So, when I find myself at a crossroad in life, or feeling that everything I've built is "falling away" I sit back, open myself to the universe and repeat this mantra, "Ohmygodnoooooooooooooo!" at the top of my lungs. So far, this hasn't helped much. But then, life is a work in progress, isn't it?

Keep in touch via annehines.com.

And thanks to all. I've loved sharing your Monday mornings!

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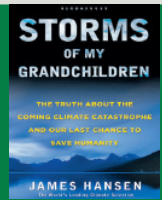

Future shock

The book Storms of My Grandchildren lays all the cards on the table in this thorough, detailed analysis of the history, science and politics of climate change, a Silent Spring-style warning cry that predicts "a rough ride" for our grandchildren. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A medal for Flathead ban

Eco-Minded

Here's an Olympic moment you probably didn't hear about. Smack under the zip line, down in Robson Square, the B.C. government announced it would ban mining in B.C.'s Flathead Valley.

Whoa! Stop the presses!

This is huge news, hidden in the shadows of gold, silver and bronze news stories. No mining in the Flathead — that's music to the ears of many, including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

For three decades, conservationists stubbornly fought to save this Rocky Mountain valley. Why? The Flathead nurses the greatest density of interior grizzly bears in North America. It grows the greatest variety of plants and wildflowers. And it hosts all the native carnivores (meat-eaters with claws). The Flathead is simply a magnet for life, right in the middle of the Rocky Mountains.

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During the Olympics, B.C. banned mining in the Flathead River Valley, which hosts the greatest density of interior grizzly bears in North America, like these two in nearby Glacier National Park.

So when the Premier announced in the middle of Olympic action in Robson Square, that this "middle" of the Rockies wouldn't have polluting mines, B.C. won a medal.

It's a bronze for now. The Flathead still needs a national park in a portion of the valley — that accomplishment would earn B.C. a silver.

The Flathead also needs a wildlife corridor so animals can travel back and forth to Banff — with this the government would earn a gold.

Own the podium, Premier Gordon Campbell. We'd love to present you with a lovely bouquet of Flathead wildflowers.

Flathead facts

- B.C.'s Flathead Valley hosts the greatest concentration of inland grizzly bears in North America.
- It's a furry place, with all its native predators and prey — from wolves and cougars, to elk and deer.
- To cheer on the premier call 604-660-2421 (Vancouver); 250-387-6121 (Victoria)

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Business

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Lifeline for Greece

Eurozone nations offer debt-laden country loans

Desperate to halt the Greek debt crisis that has hammered the euro, fellow eurozone governments tossed it a financial lifeline yesterday, saying they would make €30 billion ($40 billion) in loans available this year alone — if Athens asks for the money.

The International Monetary Fund stands ready to chip in another €10 billion, said Olli Rehn, the EU monetary affairs chief.

The promise — filling in details of a March 25 pledge of joint eurozone-IMF help — was another attempt to calm markets that have been selling off Greek bonds in recent days. Markets viewed the March pledge as too vague and carrying such tough restrictions that made it difficult for Greece to access any money.

As a result, investors demanded high rates to loan to the government as it struggles to avoid default and pay some €54 billion in debt coming due this year — rates the government says it can't go on paying.

In an emergency video conference, the finance ministers of the 16 eurozone nations agreed on a complex three-year financing formula that generates an interest rate of "around five per cent."

This is less than commercial market rates — which have soared above seven per cent on Greek 10-year borrowing in recent weeks as the debt crisis dragged on — but more than beneficiaries of IMF usually pay.

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Demonstrators protest outside the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Thessaloniki, Greece yesterday. The Greek government will tax the Church's landholdings to gather revenue to help overcome the country's largest debt crisis in decades.

Cash-strapped Dubai sets up financial planning team

UAE Dubai's government said yesterday it is creating a finance team tasked with drafting a four-year financial plan and making recommendations on fiscal needs in the cash-strapped emirate.

The new body will operate under Dubai's finance department and report to the existing Supreme Fiscal Committee, which is chaired by Sheik Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, a top aide and uncle of Dubai's ruler.

"By forming the Dubai Government Finance Team, the government is emphasizing the need for further co-operation and co-ordination between the various components of the emirate's financial system," Dubai's media office said in an emailed statement.

Dubai is scrambling to work itself out from more than $80 billion US in debt amassed by the sheikdom and its many state-linked companies.

The semiautonomous city-state, one of seven that make up the United Arab Emirates, shocked global markets in November when it sought to delay repaying billions of dollars owed by its conglomerate Dubai World.

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Business in brief

CP RAIL Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. and the union representing workers that build and maintain track and machinery have reached a tentative three-year contract. The memorandum was announced late Saturday by the Calgary-based company and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Division. No details have been released. There is no word on when a ratification vote by union members will be held.

CHINA For the first time in six years, China's imports in March outpaced its exports, leaving a $7.24 billion US shortfall that Beijing says reflects a trend toward more balanced trade but is likely to be short-lived. Last month's trade deficit with the rest of the world may buy China some respite from building pressure to revalue its currency, though its surpluses with the United States and Europe remain as robust as ever.

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Raptors fall into ninth

Derrick Rose had a game-high 26 points as the Chicago Bulls beat Toronto 104-88 yesterday, overtaking the Raptors for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. The win puts the Bulls in the driver's seat as the NBA enters the final week of the regular season. Chicago leads Toronto by a game in the race for eighth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Magic centre honours crash victims

Orlando Magic centre Marcin Gortat, left, had more important issues on his mind than basketball yesterday. The native of Poland paid tribute to his homeland's president, who was killed along with 95 others in a plane crash in Russia. Gortat wrote the number of the fatal flight on his sneakers before the Magic played the Cleveland Cavaliers and wrote President Lech Kaczynski's name on the tape around his wrist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Questions mount after Silva's odd performance

UFC A shocking upset, and a shocking performance.

That's the bottom line from UFC 112 in Abu Dhabi, the mixed martial arts juggernaut's first foray into the Middle East.

In the co-main event Saturday, Frankie (the Answer) Edgar dethroned B.J. (the Prodigy) Penn, winning a unanimous decision over a sluggish champion. Penn was a 7-1 favourite going into the fight but was unable to dent the speedy Edgar's buzzsaw boxing attack.

Some might question the 50-45, 48-47, and 49-46 scores but Penn, his left knee bandaged, was not on his game. It was an off night and the Hawaiian paid for it with his title.

Equally shocking was middleweight champion Anderson Silva's bizarre performance in a decision win over Demian Maia in the main event.

Silva clowned his way through five rounds, ridiculing Maia along the way. While it was clear he could hit the outclassed Maia at will, the champion holstered his many weapons and danced around the cage as if his goal was to show that the challenger couldn't lay a hand on him.

Silva, an 8-1 favourite, smiled, taunted and cavorted. But the Brazilian star rarely fought. The performance smacked of arrogance, selfishness and disrespect.

It's as if a smirking Sidney Crosby deked a goalie in a shootout and then refused to put the puck past him — again, again and again.

The crowd at the temporary outdoor venue at Yas Island was chanting the bloody Maia's name as the fight ended.

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Emotional win for Mickelson

Even sweeter than Phil Mickelson slipping into another green jacket was seeing his wife waiting for him behind the 18th green yesterday at Augusta National with tears streaming down her face.

Amy Mickelson had not been at a golf tournament since being diagnosed with breast cancer 11 months ago.

He had not looked the same ever since.

A shattered world seemed at peace in the fading sunlight yesterday at the Masters, where Mickelson made one last birdie for a 5-under 67 and a three-shot victory over Lee Westwood.

It was a forgettable final round for Canadian Mike Weir, who closed with a 5-over 77 to finish tied for 43rd.

The conclusion was far more emotional than anyone expected.

Mickelson shared a long embrace with his wife behind the 18th green, and as he walked to the scoring trailer to sign for the lowest score at Augusta in nine years, a single tear trickled down his cheek to his lip.

"We've been through a lot this year. It means a lot to share some joy together," Mickelson said, his voice cracking has he struggled to keep control. "It's been such an incredible week, an emotional week."

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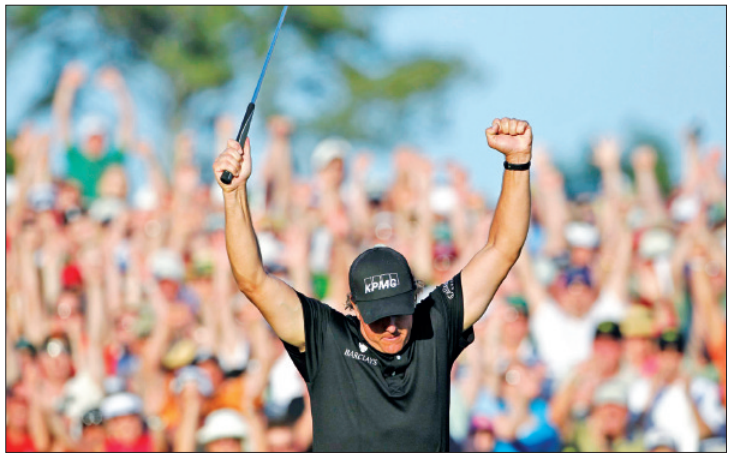

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Phil Mickelson celebrates on the 18th green after winning the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., yesterday for the third time in his career. Tiger Woods finished fourth, five strokes back.

Fourth not good enough for Tiger

- Tiger Woods takes little joy in finishing among the leaders at the Masters, even though by most standards his comeback will be deemed a success.
- When Woods strolled off the 18th green, having rolled in a birdie putt that only assured he would finish tied for fourth, he saw no reason to celebrate.
- He had finished five strokes behind winner Phil Mickelson.

Sports in brief

NHL Calgary Flames president Ken King confirmed that the team has put the wheels in motion to host an outdoor game. In his blog on ESPN.com, Hockey Night in Canada panelist Pierre LeBrun wrote that the Flames would host either the Montreal Canadiens or Vancouver Canucks.

MLB Jose Bautista and Alex Gonzalez hit consecutive homers in the eighth inning after a two-out error by Miguel Tejada, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 yesterday to complete a three-game sweep.

SOCCER Portsmouth reached the FA Cup final by scoring two extra-time goals to beat Tottenham 2-0 yesterday, a day after being relegated from the Premier League in a season where crippling debts almost put the club out of business.

INDY CAR Helio Castroneves held off Scott Dixon to win the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Alabama yesterday, coasting to the finish line after coming off caution with two laps to go.

CURLING Canada defeated Norway 9-3 in eight ends yesterday to capture the world men's curling championship. Skip Kevin Koe's rink from Edmonton took control of the game early, storming out to a 3-0 lead after the first end before adding two in the third for a commanding 5-1 lead.

NHL Sidney Crosby scored twice to reach 50 goals for the first time as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders 6-5 in overtime yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Workology

Reverse plagiarism?

A University of Regina engineering professor has been accused of plagiarizing a former student's work and trying to publish it in an academic journal. When the graduate submitted a paper for publication to the journal in the summer of 2008, he was informed his submission resembled another paper received six months earlier, which listed the student's academic supervisor and three other people as authors. The university's investigation is private at this point. CBC NEWS ONLINE

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David Arrigo, an artist at the centre of sport

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David Arrigo painted every Canadian gold medal winner at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

David Arrigo failed Grade 9 art. It bored him. Instead Arrigo, who's now 40, used toothbrushes and any old paint he could find to decorate friends' jean jackets.

Arrigo liked art enough by the end of high school to enrol in a college program for graphic design management. But he dropped out of the program and started taking odd jobs.

He was loading trucks when a former girlfriend — whom he'd long ago painted a jacket for — told the restaurant where she was working about Arrigo. They wanted a wall mural and offered him the job.

He covered the four-foot by four-foot wall with a jazz-themed scene, and the owners loved it. Soon, he was getting mural commissions all over Toronto and within a few months quit his other job.

Around this time, Arrigo picked up a mural painting book in an art supply store. "I got a quarter way through it, and then I tossed it. I can do my own thing." He still refuses to look at art books.

In 1999, he convinced staff at Wayne Gretzky's restaurant to let him paint a massive mural. Around the time he finished the 80-foot by 30-foot piece, Gretzky announced his retirement and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Arrigo was asked, at the last minute, to do a mural for the induction ceremony.

Arrigo proved himself by whipping off the piece in 30 hours (the paint was barely dry for the event). That soon led to a commission to do an 18-foot by seven-foot mural of the Leafs that still hangs in the Air Canada Centre today.

A huge hockey fan who began skating at age three, painting hockey greats and other sports scenes was no problem for Arrigo.

He's now gone to two Olympics — including Vancouver, where he painted all the gold medal winners — numerous Super Bowls and NASCAR races, among other events.

Meanwhile, about three years ago, he painted his first goalie mask for Mike Smith of the Dallas Stars. The helmet covered with the Grinch (it was the holiday season and the Jim Carrey movie had just come out) worked out well. He's now done masks for 14 NHL goalies.

Whenever he's hired for a job, Arrigo does a rough sketch of what he plans to do. Once he's working on the mural, canvas or mask, he photographs his work at every stage and sends them to his client.

Arrigo uses acrylic paints to minimize fumes — he'll wear a mask when he's in his studio. But he often paints in public at sports event so passersby can watch him wield his airbrush and turn his favourites sports ideas and icons into art.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Sports artist
Salary: "It varies, but I'm able to have a good lifestyle and do lots of travelling."
Education: Self-taught
Best Part of the Job: "Interacting with people, I love that."
Worst Part of the Job: "Watching paint dry."

Most tax rebates to be used paying debt

REBATES According to a new CareerBuilder survey, more than half (56 per cent) of workers report they will use their tax return to pay off bills that have accumulated.

Tax returns can be a needed income boost for cash-strapped workers. Nearly eight-in-10 (78 per cent) said they currently live paycheck to paycheck; up from 61 per cent who said the same in May 2009. In addition, economic pressures have resulted in some workers downsizing their investments to help make ends meet.

"Workers' wallets are still feeling the ripple effects of the past year," said Rosemary Haefner of CareerBuilder.

While many workers indicated that they will use their tax returns to tackle bills, others said they will use their refunds for the following:

- Put into savings;
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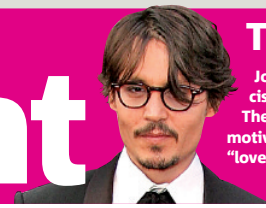
Moyer dishes on Paquin romance

Stephen Moyer, who is engaged to True Blood co-star Anna Paquin, blames HBO for their relationship in a Details magazine article. "They put us in the same hotel ... The attraction was there, so it was a matter of whether we acted on it or not." POPEATER.COM

Entertainment



The Pirate way

Johnny Depp is adamant his decision to stick with the Pirates Of The Caribbean franchise was not motivated by money — insisting he "loves" his swashbuckling character.

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Conan O'Brien hits the road

Laughter is the goal when a comedian steps in front of an audience. Conan O'Brien is in pursuit of that and more: The next stage of his career.

The former Tonight host, barred from appearing on TV until September by terms of his exit deal from NBC, kicks off a nationwide tour today in Eugene, Ore., that could highlight his popularity amid negotiations for a new talk show.

Dubbed The Legally Prohibited From Being Funny on Television Tour, the two-month venture will take O'Brien, his former Tonight band and sidekick Andy Richter to about 30 U.S. and Canadian cities.

It's virtually sold out and extra dates have been added in a handful of larger markets. Many tickets were priced at a relatively low $40, although the resale market has boosted their value to, for example, as much as $2,000 for VIP seats and face time with O'Brien in Chicago.

His tour ranked as the top-seller on StubHub when it was announced last month, "which is unheard of for a comedian," said Glenn Lehrman, spokesman for the online ticket site. The No. 1 spot usually goes to a sports event or big-arena pop concert, he said.

Conan performs at the Orpheum on Tuesday and Wednesday

That makes O'Brien look like a winner — and a rock star — as he angles to return as a TV host, with Fox considered the most likely home among possibilities that also include a cable channel or a syndicated package.

"It's pretty impressive he sold out a national tour" so quickly, said Garth Ancier, a veteran TV executive who served as the first programming chief for Fox. "That says there's a fan base he's connected to, and demonstrates to Fox and anybody else his viability as a draw."

The stage shows are proof that "people will pay money to see him," said industry analyst Shari Anne Brill. "Which means he can make money for a network."

Mark Metzger, general manager for Fox affiliate KLSR-TV in Eugene, is rooting for O'Brien's success on the road. While Metzger is eager to welcome the comedian to Fox's late-night lineup, a number of other affiliates are reluctant to give up profitable sitcom reruns to make room for him.

The tour could change minds, Metzger said. "I think it would influence the other affiliates, with him going to cities and selling out theatres," he said.

Fox, which has said it's weighing the possibility of bringing O'Brien to the network, declined comment on whether a deal might be near.

O'Brien, whose early career included writing for The Simpsons, is trying out a new role as standup. While he has long performed monologues and sketches on TV, he didn't spend years honing a comedy club act like Leno, who started on the circuit and has remained on it even during Tonight.

A former O'Brien colleague dismisses any possibility of flop sweat.

"He's gonna kill," said writer-producer Alec Berg (Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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	294	650	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
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	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Gilbert Gottfried: Dirty Jokes		Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) Passchendaele (2008)		Spartacus: Blood and Sand		Nurse Jackie	U.S. of Tara	Wild Things	Lakeview Terrace ★★ (2008)	
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	261	394	102 V	Unscripted (N)	Naked	Poltergeist: The Legacy		The Big Country ★★★ (1958, Western) Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons. (CC)				
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Dan for Mayor

Marketing is everything, even in politics. Make that especially in politics. And Dan (Fred Ewanuick) knows that, which is why he's working overtime to come up with the perfect symbol to represent his mayoral campaign. Claire (Mary Ashton), meanwhile, is obsessing over a whole assortment of details. Paul Bates and Benjamin Ayres also star in the new episode "The Symbol of Futility." 8:30 PM on CTV

Gossip Girl

Dorota (guest star Zuzanna Szadkowski) asks Chuck and Blair (Ed Westwick, Leighton Meester) to be a part of her wedding. Serena (Blake Lively) secretly meets with Carter (guest star Sebastian Stan) after lying to Nate (Chace Crawford). Rufus (Matthew Settle) discovers that Lily (Kelly Rutherford) has been lying about her whereabouts. Taylor Momsen also stars in the new episode "The Unblairable Lightness of Being." 6 PM on WGN WPX; 9 PM on TLA CW

Box office

Date Night was the No. 1 film at the weekend box office.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Date Night:** $27.1 million US
2. **Clash of the Titans:** $26.9 million
3. **How to Train Your Dragon:** $25.4 million
4. **Why Did I Get Married Too:** $11 million
5. **Last Song:** $10 million
6. **Alice in Wonderland:** $5.6 million
7. **Hot Tub Time Machine:** $5.5 million
8. **The Bounty Hunter:** $4.3 million
9. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid:** $4.1 million
10. **Letters to God:** $1.2 million

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Designing Women star dies
Television and Broadway actress Dixie Carter died Saturday morning at the age of 70. "This has beena terrible blow to our family," her husband, actor Hal Holbrook, said in a statement. PEOPLE.COM

Star Trek memorabilia to be sold at Vegas auction

Fans can get a piece of famous franchise

Star Trek fans looking for Enterprise chairs, Starfleet uniforms or a model Klingon Bird of Prey can seek out new life for the pieces of a closed Las Vegas attraction based on the famous franchise.

Auctioneer Propworx Inc. plans to sell roughly 1,000 items from Star Trek: The Experience at a warehouse sale Saturday in Las Vegas.

The attraction, based on the beloved science fiction television series and movies, closed in 2008 after a 10-year run.

"Anything like this, you're sad to see it go, but on the other hand it's an opportunity for fans to preserve the stuff," said CEO Alec Peters. "It's an opportunity for the studio to get it in the hands of people who made it great."

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Alec Peters, CEO Propworx

Among the items for sale are three large models of spaceships — the U.S.S. Enterprise A, the U.S.S. Voyager and the Klingon Bird of Prey — as well as a replica of the Enterprise bridge from Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Peters said a Borg alcove, where members of the synthetically enhanced drone race synch with a hive mind, is on sale, as are costumes and knickknacks, starting at $10.

The attraction folded in Star Trek mythology, billing itself as a 21st-century time station used to transport personnel and equipment to and from the late 24th century.

The story was that the Experience let folks of the future meet and study many human cultures in Sin City, the place where they often converge.

The attraction included two rides transporting visitors to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Mike Cornwell, the executive officer of a local Star Trek fan club that helped set up the memorabilia sale, said Friday: "We see it as such a waste that they closed it down. It's really a blow to all Star Trek fans everywhere."

CBS Television Distribution, which owns the rights to the franchise, has a licensing deal in place for a Star Trek exhibit in downtown Las Vegas through its consumer products division.

No timeline for that attraction has been announced.

CBS Consumer Products has a deal with Kennedy Space Center on a 30-minute live stage show based on the universe from the 2009 Star Trek movie.

The show is to debut in June.

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Star Trek's the U.S.S. Voyager is just one of thousands of items, both large and small being auctioned off on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Tina Fey reprises role as Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live

TELEVISION Tina Fey reprised her impression of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live while hosting the NBC sketch comedy show Saturday night.

It was Fey's first performance as the former Alaska governor since her iconic impressions during the 2008 presidential campaign, when Palin was the Republican vice-presidential candidate. Fey made four appearances in 2008 as Palin, earning her an Emmy for guest actor.

Fey appeared as Palin in a sketch introducing a mock Sarah Palin Network, satirizing Palin's entry into media. Palin recently launched the program Real American Stories on Fox News Channel and will soon begin production on Sarah Palin's Alaska, an eight-part series for TLC.

Appearing as Palin in a leather jacket with an American flag pin, Fey introduced a lineup of shows like 30 Main Street, a parody of her own 30 Rock.

In a recent interview, the 39-year-old comedian said reprising Palin was "inevitable."

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Justin Bieber is one of nine musical acts set to perform Sunday on CTV's broadcast of the Juno Awards in St. John's, N.L.

Junos carry on the torch

This year's Junos hope to borrow some of the magic of the recent Olympics.

Executive producer John Brunton says the show will look to connect with a country still on a high from the Games and might even incorporate some of the production tricks seen during the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Juno Awards air Sunday on CTV

The Junos will employ the same Quebec company that did projection work at the Olympics, and Brunton says the awards show will try to carry the same spirit of Canadian patriotism that permeated the Games.

"We're trying to ride the wave of Canadian enthusiasm and patriotism that's come out of the Vancouver Olympics," Brunton, the mastermind behind Canadian Idol and Battle of the Blades said over the phone.

"I think the opening of the show has a real correlation with ... the whole sense of Canadians coming together in ways that we haven't really seen them do from a multicultural perspective."

Though Brunton is staying mum on most details for Sunday's show, he says this year will set a new technical standard for the venerable show.

He says the Junos set will be "a great palette that can transform itself over the course of the nine acts in the program." Those acts include Drake, Justin Bieber, K'naan, Billy Talent, Blue Rodeo and Michael Buble, who carries six nominations into the festivities in St. John's, N.L.

To further the Olympic theme, Canadian gold medallists Alexandre Bilodeau and Jon Montgomery will be among the presenters.

Meanwhile, organizers will cultivate a party atmosphere along famous George Street, where Juno nominees the Arkells and Deadmau5 will perform outdoors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Those TLC cheques must have finally stopped

New reports cite Jon Gosselin as "definitely open" to landing a co-starring role in his ex-wife's new TV shows Twist of Kate and Kate Plus 8, TMZ reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Splitsville for J and J

SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE GOSSIP FODDER Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel have reportedly ended their three-year relationship, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The showbiz couple, who have been dogged by suggestions their union is close to breaking up for some time, have called it quits.

"Justin truly thought he'd found the one in Jessica and she felt the same. But the relationship just didn't seem to go anywhere," a source told the Sunday Mirror newspaper.

"It was mutual and they agreed it was best to part ways if things weren't going to head towards marriage and kids. They are both incredibly busy."

Timberlake is currently filming new comedy movie Bad Teacher with his ex-girlfriend Cameron Diaz, and the pair have been enjoying their time together, sharing jokes and getting on better than ever, the same source tells the newspaper.

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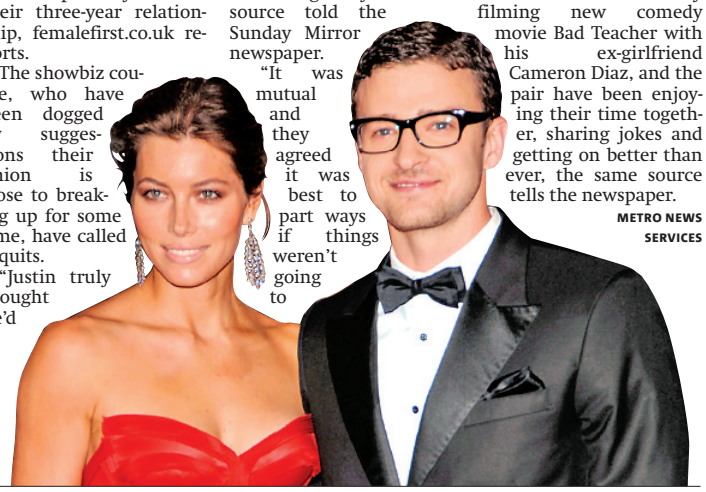

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CelebTweets

JAMES VAN DER BEEK is going to be a father, **TYRA BANKS** is committing a fashion faux pas, and **PARIS HILTON** is dealing with a drenched phone.

@vanderjames Yes, it's true — the woman I love and I are expecting our first child... currently experiencing joy on levels I never knew existed.

@tyrabanks I think I'm gonna wear the same outfit today as I did yesterday... shhhh! I really liked it!!! Have you ever done that?

@ParisHilton Tried drying my blackberry with my blow dryer. Phone is still dead, brutal. I give up, hopefully it will dry out on it's own overnight.

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A painful boobie trap

SHOULD THEY STAY OR SHOULD THEY GO? Amy Winehouse found herself back in the hospital again, but this time it had nothing to do with drinking or drugs.

The troubled singer was in immense pain thought to be related to a recent breast augmentation, sources tell the Sun.

"Amy was in agony and became convinced it was something to do with her boobs," a source says. "She thought she would leave it for a while but the pain got worse. She went into the clinic and they kept her under observation. She is waiting for a decision on whether the implants have to come out or not."

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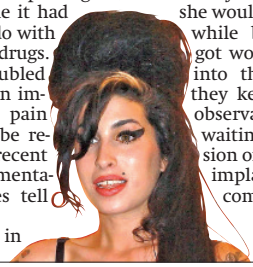

One and a half men?

THAT JUST SOUNDS SILLY Charlie Sheen is speaking out to clear the air about rumours he's leaving Two and a Half Men over a salary dispute.

"All of the numbers reported in the press are false. Claims from 'inside sources' regarding offers from the studio as well as my salary, on their best day, are without merit," Sheen says in a statement to People magazine.

"In no way has this been a hasty or negligent 11th hour surprise."

But Sheen doesn't say whether or not this season will be his last one the hit comedy show.

"If tonight's show is the end for me as Charlie Harper, so be it," he says.

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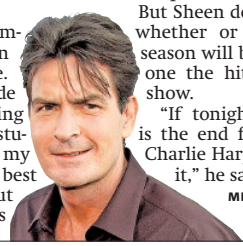

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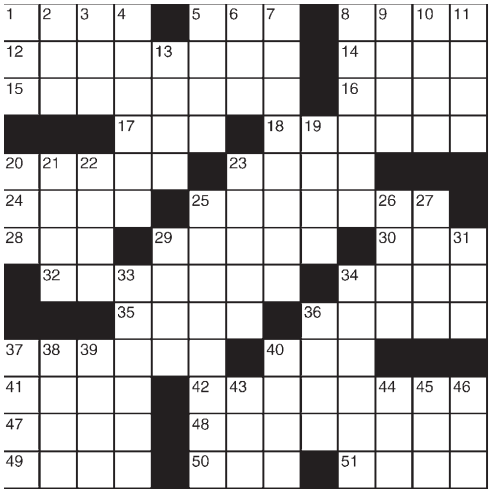

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8 Dog's feet
12 Not paraphrased
14 Last write-up
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18 "Shake, — and Roll"
20 Witch trial town
23 Trigonometric function
24 Persia, today
25 New Zealand bird, e.g.
28 Poorly lit
29 Poker table pronouncement
30 Joan of —
32 Suitable
34 Spill the beans
35 Humdinger
36 Baby kangaroos
37 Beverage of the gods
40 Prepared
41 Beige
42 Hunger
47 Stay away from
48 Strangled
49 Mary — Lincoln
50 TV Tarzan Ron
51 "A — home is his castle"

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1 Eggs
2 Agent, for short
3 Before
4 "Tonight Show" host, briefly
5 Dazzle
6 Knight's address
7 Retired
8 "Anything Goes" composer
9 Help in wrongdoing
10 Volition
11 Eyelid problem
13 Fermi's bit
19 Working without —
20 Comedian Caesar
21 Operatic solo
22 Genie's home
23 Animal track
25 Electrical strength
26 Harvard rival
27 Picture of health?
29 New Rochelle college
31 Letterman's network
33 Plump
34 Undersurface
36 Scoff
37 Bird's home
38 Reverberate
39 Gunky stuff
40 Agile
43 Chum
44 Call — day
45 X rating?
46 Sullivan and McMahon

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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8	1	5	7	4	2	6	9	3
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6	2	4	9	1	7	3	8	5
5	8	9	6	3	4	1	7	2
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Italian Summer Salad

INGREDIENTS:

250 g dried penne
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 small bunch fresh basil, finely chopped
200 g red and yellow cherry tomatoes, halved
150 g fresh mozzarella, cubed
200 g jarred roasted red peppers, cut into strips

METHOD:

1. Cook penne in pot of salted boiling water according to pack instructions, until al dente.
2. In large bowl, mix olive oil, lemon juice, crushed garlic and basil. Drain pasta. While still hot, put into bowl with dressing and toss. Set aside to cool
3. Season. Add vegetables and mozzarella and toss. Serve

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
As Wednesday's new moon falls in your sign you have every right to put your own needs first this week.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You are in a thoughtful mood at the moment, the kind of mood where you don't feel like interacting with other people.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The pace of life will pick up dramatically over the next few days, but that will only be a problem if you insist on doing everything yourself.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
As someone who respects the past you like things to stay as they are but that is not an option now. You must move with the times.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Have faith in your own ideas and don't be afraid to stick your neck out and take a risk. You are on the right track.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The planets make it easy for you to approach people in positions of power. Let them know who you are and what you can do.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Ask yourself what you can do to make other people's lives more exciting and fulfilling this week.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Something you are working on would benefit from a second opinion, if only because you are too close to it and can't see the issues clearly.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A new moon in the sympathetic sign of Aries this week means it is time you put your own interests first. What's best for you? Do it!

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Make a point of letting partners and loved ones make their own decisions this week. It might surprise you how well they cope.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
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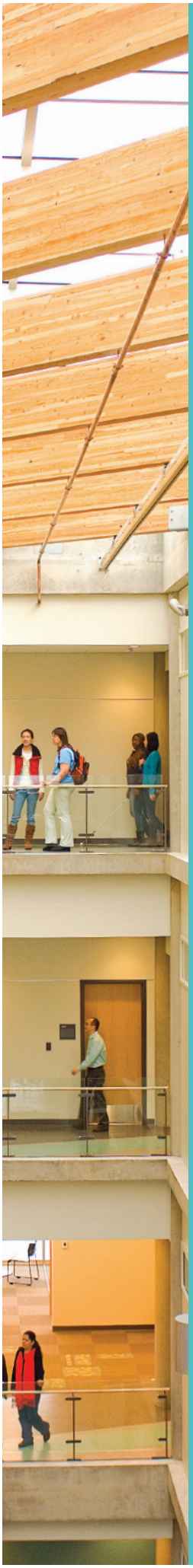

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